

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 1996

SUBJECT: **SB 1956**

This bill, if enacted, will authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Correction, sheriff or jail administrator to remove 60 days of sentence reduction credits earned by an inmate if a state court finds that an inmate files a frivolous lawsuit for the purpose of leaving the institution or for harassment of another party.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of \$134,000 for additional incarceration and a cost avoidance for state government of \$77,500 for correctional staff time, court time and attorneys' fees.

This estimate is based upon 50 lawsuits per year by inmates found to be frivolous.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director